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I urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160, and support the freedom of choice, variety and unique programming provided by XM radio. I travel extensively and I can assure you that no local radio station provides the continuous traffic and weather reports that business travelers such as myself rely on. Furthermore, XM's national coverage allows me to check conditions in cities before I arrive, so I can get familiar with traffic problems and routes. It saves me invaluable time. I pay for this service and I don't think that local broadcasters, who use the public airways just as XM does, should be allowed dictate what I am permitted to hear. If local radio had better programming, then I would be happy to listen to them instead, but they simply don't compete well, and are thus trying to use government intervention to distort the free market in their favor.
Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue.